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In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No.: (Div. of 10/094,467)) (Group Art Unit: 3732)
Filed: November 20, 2003) (Examiner: P. Philogene)
For: EXPANDABLE INTERBODY SPINAL)
FUSION IMPLANT WITH EXPANSION)
CONSTRAINING MEMBER AND)
METHOD FOR USE THEREOF)

MS PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior Application No. 10/094,467, filed March 8, 2002, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,501,269	02/1985	Bagby			
	4,657,550	04/1987	Daher			
	4,763,644	08/1988	Webb			
	4,878,915	11/1989	Brantigan			
	5,980,522	11/1999	Koros et al.			
	6,117,174	09/2000	Nolan			
	6,344,057	02/2002	Rabbe et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Otero-Vich, Jose M.; Anterior Cervical Interbody Fusion with Threaded Cylindrical Bone; J. Neurosurg 63:750-753 (November 1985).

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